

College and Career Readiness (CCR) Frequently Asked Questions

ACT

Q: Are the Junior ACT scores the only one that counts or can we use the best score that a student received from any testing on ACT?

A: The highest score is reported from ACT to the Office of Assessment and Accountability.

ASVAB/WorkKeys

Q: If a student has met benchmarks on the ACT and receives an industry certification or KOSSA, does that student still need to take ASVAB or WorkKeys?

A: No, the student (if the student was preparatory in a CTE program and the KOSSA or industry certification aligned with the CTE program) would qualify as a College and Career Ready student and would not need to take any further assessments.

Q: How was the score of 50 established for the ASVAB? Is this score higher than required by most military services?

A: The Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) met with members from ASVAB to better understand scores on the assessment and how those scores related to skills and jobs. Based on those discussions, it was determined that an AFQT of 50 was needed to qualify for the majority of occupations and would show the needed skill levels for those occupations. This score is typically higher than the military requires as this score is used to determine a student's ability to start a career without further training.

Q: Can students that are not enrolled in an ATC go to the ATC to take the WorkKeys assessment?

A: The Area Technology Centers are approved WorkKeys testing locations. If a district is interested in testing students on WorkKeys, contact the local ATC to learn more about this opportunity. Districts are responsible for paying for the test.

College and Career Ready Students

Q: How do the 1.5 points for students who are both college and career ready work?

A: Any student who is considered college ready, either by passing the benchmarks on ACT or by meeting the scores on COMPASS and/or KYOTE, and also receives a passing score on a KOSSA or receives a valid industry certificate aligned with a program for which the student is preparatory is considered college and career ready (based on this definition, this means that only Career and Technical Education (CTE) students can be both college and career ready). The school will then receive 1.5 points instead of 1 point for the student, which will give a school an extra .5 towards 100 on CCR.

Data Reporting

Q: Who is responsible for reporting ACT, COMPASS and KYOTE scores?

A: The Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) receives these scores directly from the vendor or in the case of KYOTE from the University of Kentucky. Only those COMPASS scores that are part of the state administered testing (up to twice per student) and testing through KCTCS (if MOA is completed) are part of the data counted towards CCR.

Q: Who is responsible for reporting ASVAB scores to the state?

A: OAA will retrieve as much data as possible from ASVAB; however, districts will also self-report ASVAB data through the new Career Readiness screen in TEDS. Schools can enter all ASVAB data directly into the Career Readiness screen in TEDS. Schools will need the AFQT scores for students in order to complete data entry.

Q: How can ATCs get information on their students for ACT, ASVAB, etc...?

A: The District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) is given access to student level information for all measurements for CCR from OAA. In order to receive any information for these measures, requestors should go to the DAC for that district.

Dual-Credit

Q: Will schools receive credit for students that receive dual-credit from partnered colleges on CCR?

A: At this time dual-credit is not used as a measure for CCR.

Funding

Q: Does CCR affect funding for ATCs or high schools?

A: No, the College and Career Readiness measures are one component of a local district's overall accountability model. Currently, no funding streams are tied to the accountability model.

Industry Certificates

Q: If there is an industry certificate that is not on the current list of valid certificates, what is the process for having that industry certificate considered?

A: Anyone wishing to submit a new industry certificate for consideration can complete the request form located at following link on the KDE website:

<http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/CTE/Documents/20122013ValidKOSSAandIndustryCertifications.pdf>

The deadline for submission of new certifications has passed for 12-13, but may be submitted for school year 13-14.

Q: How can I find out if an Industry Certificate is on the “official” list?

A: This link will take you to the “official” list of industry certificates and which programs they are aligned with. <http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/CTE/kossa/Pages/ValidKOSSAList.aspx>

Q: If we would like more information on the industry certificates on the list, where can we find more information?

A: Most of the industry certificates on the list have been linked to the company that offers that industry certificate. If you click on the link it will take you to that company where you can receive more information. We will continue to update this list until all certificates are linked.

Q: If a student receives an industry certificate as a freshman, will it count when the student graduates?

A: If the student is preparatory in a career pathway that is aligned to the certificate the student received as a freshman, then yes, it will count when the student graduates.

Q: If a student receives an industry certificate or KOSSA at an ATC, will that count for CCR for the home high school?

A: Yes, all data on a student relates back to the student’s home high school.

Q: How are most schools paying for their industry certificates?

A: A district may utilize up to 25% of their Perkins Funding to pay for industry certifications. The request must be identified in the district’s Perkins Plan. The plan may be updated by making a request known to Karla Tipton with College and Career Readiness Branch or Debbie Seider with the Office of Career and Technical Education. In some instances the students are paying for the certifications. Some schools have worked with local industries to secure funding, and there are a couple of schools in which fundraising efforts have been initiated to pay for industry certifications.

KOSSA

Q: If a student passes more than one KOSSA, does the school receive any bonus points for this student?

A: No, a student is only counted once for CCR, so if a student passes more than one KOSSA or receives a KOSSA certificate and an industry certificate, the student will still only count once.

Q: If a student passes a KOSSA as a junior, when does the school get credit for this student?

A: CCR is reported for graduates only. All scores will carry forward with the student and be reported when the student graduates.

Q: Will more KOSSA be available for more career pathways in the future and will KOSSA be updated in the future?

A: CTE is currently having discussions about ways to expand and improve KOSSA, but there are no specifics regarding this at this time.

Q: Can we give the KOSSA to all students?

A: No, KOSSA can only be administered to students that are identified as preparatory students in a preparatory program within a CTE career pathway. Students may not take an assessment for a program they are not enrolled in.

Q: Can a student take a KOSSA in both the junior and senior year, or can it only be taken once?

A: A student can take the KOSSA in both the junior and senior year, if the student is preparatory. It is only necessary to assess the student a second time if they fail the assessment the first time.

KYOTE

Q: If a school does not currently give KYOTE, how can the school start to offer it and how can a school get more information on KYOTE?

A: *A Brief KYOTE User's Guide (Version 5: Spring 2011)* provides a step-by-step approach for setting up and administering the KYOTE placement tests. Please contact Steve Newman <newman@nku.edu> if you do not have a copy and he will send you one.

Preparatory

Q: If a student passes ASVAB or WorkKeys and earns a KOSSA or Industry Certificate but is not preparatory in a career pathway will the student count towards CCR?

A: No, a student must be preparatory in a career pathway in order to count towards the CCR measure.

Q: If a student is preparatory and is considered career ready, but does not complete the career pathway, is the student still counted for the CCR measure?

A: Yes, the student would be considered career ready for the CCR measure.